

Anne Norton
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Dear Madam

We were very proud
some time ago to receive from
you a Copy of the Liberty Bell,
and while nothing could have been
more unexpected let me assure you
it met ^{with} a warm reception and has
been perused by a number with much
interest, and for it my sisters unite
with me in returning you our very best
thanks, Common Courtesy demanded an
earlier acknowledgement but what most
of all constrains us to write is to
solicit a few lines from your able pen
to cheer us on, Some of our Society who
have no conception of the amount
of labour entailed upon you and other
worthy labourers in the Cause, are always
inquiring "is there no more word from America"
altho' to many of us the letter our Society
received from you after the arrival of
the Box was quite satisfactory, still least

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the ardour of these inquiries sh^d become
cool'd, you will perhaps indulge us with
another, some time ago our Secretary
made inquiry whether a sword Carpet wd
be a suitable article and of ready sale,
your reply altho we could not attempt it
for this season whether pro or con w^d be
acceptable, and if you can make favorable
mention of a large patch'd table cover sent,
intirely done by one of our Ladies of
Com^{te} as also of some Embroidery &c &c
the effects w^d tell largely still on our mat
Box. (I mean the one we are preparing.)
to many the above would seem childish for
to some of ourselves it does, still as we are
in our infancy you I am convinced will
bear with and indulge us thus far, please
also say if the articles sent were generally
saleable or suggest what you think best,
permit me now to assure you that the above
statements savours nothing of reflection on
your part but a sincere desire on ours
as a family to promote as far as in us
lies the great cause in which you are engaged,
perhaps when the Gazette arrives of which
mention has been made. it will supply
all our fancied want of information,
And now for a word of encouragement to
you who are working hard not only for the
Millions but for the Millions who can do
nothing for themselves, there are hundreds
in Scotland who will ere long come
forth to the Battle y^s and if these many

are in the Free Church, but altho I
think I have good ground to know this
I wish only to whisper it across, feeling
it will be an encouragement. that are many
right hearted men and women in the Free
Church of Scotland who will soon be found
fighting in the Anti Slavery Cause,
The noble men you sent has done us
much good, and now that they are
nearly all with you again we can only
follow them with our prayers and best
wishes, Messrs Buffum, & Douglass, we
had the pleasure of knowing best.
personally but have been privileged
to meet with them all in private,
to the former we must be indebted
through you for the Liberty Bell, will
you present to him our united regards,
he will long be remembered with pleasure
by us, and to the latter mentioned we w-
ask you to say the same, he if all we
have met is the most wonderful and
interesting, may he be long spared to
plead the cause of his injured coloured
brethren, If you excuse the liberty we have
taken in writing you so freely we will
only reproach ourselves that we used
it not sooner inadequate as we are
for the task;

the Committee meets first Thursday
of every Month in our house and
altho your reply wd be of unspeakable
advantage to lag before the meeting by
the first Thursday of Augt still I fear
this will be impossible, but could I
convey to you an idea of half the
good resulting from another epistle from
you or any of the other Ladies
immediately connected with the Society,
you wd not withhold the boon no not
even a Packet, you of course will
take no notice of any hint we may
have thrown out, as your letter will
be public property, I mean only
to state to the Committee that I
wrote acknowledging our gift, and
with many good wishes for your
welfare, & the prosperity of the
Antislavery Society.

I remain Dear Madam

yours respectfully

Anna Morton

This day five weeks we will hold our next
meeting and if your next letter comes after
that ^{we} will call a Special meeting Am -

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